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C) HINSON-AMMONS TELECON, 8/19/74

1. AGENCY (LANE) HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED MEETING OF CONSULTANTS DISCUSSED REF REGARDING AGENCY TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN NUCLEAR POWER FIELD.

2. AGENCY HAS RECEIVED FAVORABLE RESPONSES TO ITS INITIAL LETTER FROM FRANCE AND FRG; TO DATE, CANADA HAS NOT RESPONDED, LARGELY DUE (ACCORDING TO CANADIAN RESREP) TO SHORTAGE OF REQUIRED EXPERTISE IN NUCLEAR POWER ENGINEERING TRAINING PERSONNEL IN CANADA. FRENCH EXPERT WILL BE PROF. CHELET, WHO TEACHES COURSES DEALING WITH THIS SUBJECT MATTER IN SEVERAL FRENCH UNIVERSITIES. FRG EXPERT WILL BE ARTUR BACH OF KARLSRUHE, WHO IS ON STAFF OF REACTOR SCHOOL THERE. AGENCY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD BE ABLE TO NOMINATE SIMILARLY QUALIFIED EXPERT TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP.

3. ACCORDING TO LANE, WHILE GROUP WILL GENERALLY CONSIDER ENTIRE RANGE OF AGENCY NEW OR EXPANDED TRAINING ACTIVITIES DEALING WITH NUCLEAR POWER IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PRIMARY PURPOSE OF GROUP, AND REASON WHY AGENCY IS REQUESTING THESE EXPERTS, WILL BE TO PERFORM DETAILED DRAFTING OF SYLLABUS AND COURSE PLAN FOR PROJECTED NINE-MONTH TRAINING COURSE IN NUCLEAR POWER

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PROJECT ENGINEERING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. DRAFT SYLLABUS

PREPARED BY CONSULTANTS WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO PARTICIPANTS IN EXPERTS PANEL MEETING TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 1974 WHICH WILL REVIEW AND FINALIZE SYLLABUS AND PLANS FOR THIS COURSE.

4. RE: LENGTH OF CONSULTANT'S STAY IN VIENNA. LANE OBSERVED THAT THIS WAS TOTALLY NEW VENTURE FOR AGENCY, AND THAT AGENCY HAD FELT COMPELLED TO PLAN FOR SUFFICIENT TIME TO ENSURE THAT SYLLABUS FOR COURSE COULD BE COMPLETED DURING CONSULTANT'S STAY. LANE WAS DUBIOUS THAT WORK COULD BE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED WITHIN TWO WEEKS, BUT SAID THAT LENGTH OF STAY DEPENDED ENTIRELY ON PROGRESS OF WORK; CONSULTANTS WILL GO HOME WHEN SYLLABUS IS DONE AND READY TO BE DISTRIBUTED, AND IF THIS CAN BE DONE WITHIN LESS THAN THREE WEEKS, IT WILL BE FINE WITH SECRETARIAT.

5. RE: DATES OF MEETING. AGENCY IS CURRENTLY PLANNING ON CONSULTANTS BEING PRESENT IN VIENNA DURING PERIOD SEPTEMBER 9-30. TIMING OF MEETING IS LARGELY DICTATED BY NECESSITY TO CIRCULATE COMPLETED SYLLABUS, AS BASIS FOR NOVEMBER PANEL MEETING, NOT LATER THAN EARLY OCTOBER. FOR THIS REASON, AGENCY DEEMS IT IMPRACTICAL TO DELAY CONSULTANT'S ARRIVAL; IN FACT, IF IT WERE FEASIBLE THEY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO HAVE CONSULTANTS COME EVEN SOONER. MOVEMENT OF CONSULTANTS' STAY TO END COINCIDENTALLY WITH MEETING OF HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS ON NUCLEAR SAFETY PROGRAM IN OCTOBER WOULD NOT BE PRACTICAL, DUE TO NECESSITY TO GET SYLLABUS COMPLETED AND CIRCULATED. (ALSO NEITHER OF OTHER TWO PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH NUCLEAR SAFETY EXPERTS MEETING.)

6. RE: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. LANE ADVISES INFORMALLY THAT AGENCY HAD PLANNED IF NECESSARY TO BEAR COSTS OF ECONOMY-CLASS AIR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM VIENNA AND PER DIEM AT STANDARD AGENCY RATE OF \$45 PER DAY FOR PERIOD OF CONSULTANTS' STAY. IN LETTERS TO FRANCE AND FRG, AGENCY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PARENT ORGANIZATION OF EACH CONSULTANT COULD BEAR AT LEAST COSTS HIS SALARY FOR THIS PERIOD, BUT LANE SAYS AGENCY MAY HAVE TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF SOME ADDITIONAL FEE TO FRENCH CONSULTANT, WHO IS FROM UNIVERSITY RATHER THAN BEING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE. ASSUMING US CONSULTANT WILL BE USG EMPLOYEE, MISSION HOPES THAT AEC WILL BE ABLE TO PROPOSE AT UNCLASSIFIED

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LEAST THAT AGENCY BEAR ONLY COSTS OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR HIS STAY.

7. REQUEST AEC AUTHORIZE MISSION SOONEST TO NOMINATE US CONSULTANT FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT, AND SPECIFY FINANCIAL ARRANGMENTS WHICH SHOULD APPLY TO ASSIGNMENT.

8. ADVISE. PORTER

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